

# Curriculum Vitae: Professor Dirk Johannes Human

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Dirk Johannes Human was born on 6 Aug 1961 in De Aar. He grew up in De Aar, Rustenburg, Vryburg, and Pretoria. He received his High School education at the Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool (Pretoria), Hoërskool Lichtenburg and Monument Hoërskool (Krugersdorp), where he matriculated in 1979.

In 1983 he received the degrees BA (Admission) and BA Hons (Semitic Languages) simultaneously from the Rand Afrikaans University (both with distinction). He majored in Greek 3, Hebrew 3, Biblical Studies 3, and Latin 2. Then he obtained a MA (Semitic Languages) from the Rand Afrikaans University (1984). In 1986 he further obtained BD and DD (Old Testament Studies) degrees, both from the University of Pretoria (1993). His dissertation is entitled *The concept berit (covenant) in selected Psalms of Lament*. He studied in Munich (1991-1992), Vienna (1999) and Marburg (2001-2002). Furthermore he is recipient of the DAAD (1990-1) and Alexander von Humboldt (2001; 2011) scholarships.

Dirk Human is member of various national and international scientific associations and societies, including the Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSSA), Southern African Society for Biblical and Religious Studies (SASBRS), Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa (ASRSA), the South African Society for Ancient Near Eastern Studies (SASNES), the South African Academy for Sciences and Arts, the International Organisation for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT), the DAAD Alumni (SA) Association, the Von Humboldt Stipendiaten Association (SA) and the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL). Human is also an ordained pastor.

Human was Head of Religion Studies (2000-2012) and Professor in Old Testament Studies at the University of Pretoria. Since Sept 2012 he is Deputy Dean and Head of Old Testament Studies of the Faculty of Theology. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Open Access online-theological journal *Verbum et Ecclesia* and Chairperson of the South African Editors' Forum for Theology and Related Journals in South Africa. During his academic career he has visited a number of national and international universities and academic institutions; presented several papers at national and international congresses and published extensively. This includes the publication of several scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals, chapters in books, and author or co-author of books. He was invited to present a number of international guest lectures. His scholarly interests focus *inter alia* on Hebrew Poetry, Psalms, Hermeneutics, Old Testament Theology, History of Religion(s), Religion(s) in African context, and Gender themes.